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TAGS PGOV, PA

SUBJECT FURTHER GOP ATTACKS ON U.S. AND FUTURE OF IAGS

1. THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED RADIO STATION LAST NIGHT RENEWED ITS ATTACKS ON UNITED STATES POLICIES AND, IN INTEMPERATE COMMENTARY ON WOLA REPRESENTATIVES, REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG AS A "WILFUL LITTLE NIGGER," ("NEGRITO CAPRICCIOSO" - FBIS TRANSLATION OF FULL TEXT CABLED).

2. IN A CEREMONY WITNESSED BY PRESIDENT STROESSNER MORNING OF JULY 27, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTO GEOGRAFICO MILITAR, IGM, GENERAL IBRAHIM ABED, DELIVERED AN INSULTING SPEECH ATTACKING U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES. THE OCCASION WAS THE DEDICATION OF A NEW IGM FACILITY TO WHICH THE USG CONTRIBUTED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$300,000. THE SPEECH BY GENERAL ABED OMITTED ANY MENTION OF THE UNITED STATE'S CONTRIBUTION FROM A LONG LIST OF DONORS WHOM HE TANKED PROFUSELY. ABED'S SPEECH REJECTED ADVICE FROM COUNTRIES WHERE INNOCENT PEOPLE HAVE TO WALK ARMED IN THE STREETS AND WHERE DRUG ADDITION AND ALL FORMS OF DELINQUENCY ARE UNPARALLELED.

3. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, I HAD RECOMMENDED AS PART OF MODE STAFF
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REDUCTION THAT CURRENT IAGS MILITARY OFFICER VACANCY NOT BE FILLED AND POSITION ELIMINATED. LATEST TELEGRAM FROM DEPARTMENT ON MODE SEES NO REASON TO FILL CURRENT VACANCY AND SEEKS MY VIEWS. I WILL RESPOND BY SEPTTEL.

4. COMMENT: ONE OF MY STRONG CONCERNS REGARDING ASSISTANCE OT IGM IS THE NOTORIOUS CORRUPTION OF GENERAL ABED AND HIS

USE OF THE INSTITUTION FOR PERSONAL GAIN AND ENRICHMENT OF
OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS WHICH THREATENS EMBARRASSMENT TO THE
UNITED STATES AS A CONTRIBUTOR OF OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS
TO ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST 15 YEARS.

ACTION REQUEST: I HAVE 11 A.M. APPOINTMENT WITH
FONMIN NOGUES TOMORROW AND BELIEVE I SHOULD PROTEST 1) INSULT
TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND 2) OMISSION OF CREDIT FOR USG
CONTRIBUTION TO IGM AND GENERAL ABED'S POINTEDLY CRITICAL
SPEECH, TAKING OPPORTUNITY OF MODE REDUCTION IN IAGS OPERATIONS
TO ADVISE HIM WE DO NOT INTEND TO FILL CURRENT MILITARY
VACANCY AND HINT THIS COULD BE FIRST STEP TOWARD
ORDERLY ELIMINATION OF THIS PROGRAM. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO
OBJECTION TO THIS APPROACH, I WILL RAISE BOTH POINTS WITH
NOGUES TOMORROW.
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